

Hubert L. Norris bought his personal perforator in September 1988 from Baddeley Brothers of London. He says he rarely uses it any more but he will supply copies to members who send him current stamps and return postage.

Vanity Perfins

Norris, who was 72 last August, has been a stamp collector since 1955. He followed his father into the hobby



and when his father died he began sorting several large boxes of stamps, ran across some perfins, wondered what the patterns meant, and well, the rest is history.

He says the perforator (a diagonal HLN, catalog #H103.5P) doesn't work as well as it once did.

While no pins are broken, some of them tend to punch only slightly leaving a couple of blind (maybe dimpled?) perfs.

However, if you don't have this perfin in your collection, you can write Norris (at 1549 Panorama Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216) and he'll perforate one of your stamps for you.